

Concord Aug. 1st '59

Dear Sir

"Channing's poem
"Near Home" was printed
(I do not publish) by James
Munroe & Co. Boston. C.
brought it to me some
seven weeks ago, with the
remark - knowing your
objection to manuscript, I
got it printed - and I do
not know that he pre-
sented it to anyone else.
I have not been to the
city lately, but Emerson
told me that he
found a small pile
of them at Munroe,
and brought two or three
through. Munroe said
that he was forbidden

had written it. Of course
this is equivalent to des-
cribing it "to whom it
may concern." Others also
have bought it, for
five cents; but C. still
persists in his way, in
saying that it is not
published. Ought not
a poem to publish itself?

I am glad if
you are not weary of
the Maine book, partly
because I have and shall
not a larger share to
come.

As for the Presidency—
I cannot speak for my
neighbors, but, for
my own part, I am
politically so benighted
(or enlightened?) that
I do not know what

Seward's qualifications are
I know however, ~~that~~
no one in whom I could
feel much interest would
stand any chance of being
elected. But the wait
which is hard to bear
is hard & bear.

Yours truly

Henry D. Thoreau